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Some of our Republican friends are not willing to allow greenbacks to be circulated as money. They say that there must be something back of it. The national banks are willing to pay a premium on government bonds that draw interest and there is nothing back of the bonds any more than there is to the greenbacks. The bonds are promises to pay at some future time and drawing interest the debt becomes larger, yet they sell at a premium. No one doubts the ability of the government to pay, nor questions what is back of the bonds. Nor does any man question the ability of the government to pay the greenbacks, but use foolishly as argument, that there is nothing back of the greenbacks. Our government has stood for nearly 124 years and has not yet repudiated a single debt, while many national banks have gone down.

Although the Republican party is in full control of both houses of Congress, their president to favor them, also Republican speaker in the House of Representatives and president of the senate, they all join in a howl that they cannot pass the amendment controlling the trusts without the aid of the Democrats. But if you will give them another four years they will try to pass the amendment controlling trusts. Why don't they do it now?

The war is not yet over in South Africa. On June 11 a British battalion was annihilated, according to the World-Herald. 500 of the Derbyshire Regiment being killed, wounded or captured by the Boers south of Pretoria. Krueger intends to hold out and keep on fighting.

Rioting still goes on in St. Louis. Many more are killed and wounded. The G. O. P. would have you believe that because of such glorious prosperity the rioters have something to fight about.

Congress adjourned Thursday, a week ago.

There's an opening for "boxers" in China.

CONVENTION CALLS

People's Independent Party
The People's Independent Party electors of Cherry County are requested to meet delegates from their several precincts to send in County Convention in Valentine, Nebraska, on Saturday, June 30, 1900, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing seven delegates to the state convention, to be held at Lincoln, July 11, 1900; seven delegates to the congressional convention to be held at Broken Bow, July 9, 1900; seven delegates to the senatorial and seven delegates to the representative conventions, not yet called; to place in nomination a candidate for County Attorney; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

The delegates from the First Commissioner District will also meet in convention immediately after the adjournment of the county convention and place in nomination a candidate for County Commissioner for the full term of three years; and the delegates from the Third Commissioner District will meet in convention immediately after the adjournment of the county convention and place in nomination a candidate for County Commissioner to fill vacancy for the term of one year.

The representation from the various precincts will be based upon the vote cast for Hon. Silas A. Holcomb, in the general election of 1898, one delegate being allowed for each ten votes and major fraction thereof, and one delegate at large from each precinct, which makes the following apportionment:

- Buffalo Lake... 2
Barley... 2
Cleveland... 2
Dewey Lake... 2
Ell... 2
Hillsdale... 2
Georgia... 2
Irwin... 2
Kennedy... 2
Lavaca... 2
Merriman... 2
Nenzel... 2
Pleasant Hill... 2
Sparks... 2
Schlagel... 2
Table... 2
Woodlake... 2

It is recommended that the precinct primaries be held at the voting place in each precinct, June 23, 1900, at 2 o'clock P. M., unless otherwise called by the precinct committeeman. It is also recommended that no proxies be allowed but that the delegates present cast the full vote of the precinct. A. M. MORRISSEY, Secretary.

Democratic Party

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MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE!

Is the Verdict Rendered by the Jury in the Thompson Case.

The adjourned March term of court convened in this city Monday morning, June 11th. The first case to come to trial was that of the State vs. Cicero H. Thompson, felony. Thompson, it will be remembered, shot two soldiers on the night of March 14, one of whom died from the effects a few days afterward.

Counsel lines up as follows: For the prosecution—County Attorney A. M. Morrissey, A. G. Fischer, of Chadron; Judge J. W. Tucker. For the defense—Clark & Tucker, F. M. Walcott, and M. P. Kinkaid of O'Neill.

Judge—J. J. Harrington. MONDAY.

Monday was spent in selecting a jury. Thirty-nine men were examined and 12 chosen to act in the case, as follows:

- Wm. Dunbar, Cody; J. B. Sweeney, Pullman; A. B. McAlevy, Kennedy; Chas. Deaver, Wood Lake; C. D. Ainslie, Simeon; B. W. Levee, Wood Lake; Wm. Alder, Merriman; B. Hunt, Eli; W. Teeters, Chesterfield; A. F. Young, Cody; E. R. Vandegrift, Browlee; F. W. Pool, Steen precinct.

The state of the jury was empaneled the afternoon of the case of the State vs. Cicero H. Thompson, was outlined by County Attorney Morrissey. During the statement ex-Judge Kinkaid, one of the counsel for defense, objected to some statements made which indicated the past character and habits of the defendant with relation to the deceased and other parties which the state expected to use as witnesses. The county attorney was sustained in his statements by the court and again proceeded to outline the case, but was repeatedly interrupted though each time sustained by the court as keeping within legal bounds.

During the statements of Judge Kinkaid as to the outlines of the defense he was interrupted by County Attorney Morrissey calling him to order for arguing the case at an improper time. After considerable cross-tiring at each other Judge Kinkaid was finally permitted by the court to proceed but cautioned not to argue the case at this time but to confine himself to the defense which he expected to make. The Judge was repeatedly called to order after this by the attorneys for the prosecution and each time was instructed to confine himself to a statement of what he expected to prove in his line of defense. The judge took very kindly to the admonitions from the court and finally avowed that there were a great many things which were very tempting to him to say, but under the circumstances he would refrain from so doing. He then attempted to call the jury's attention to an incident that happened while a juror was being examined, but at this juncture Attorney Morrissey again objected to his entering into a discussion of immaterial matters and the judge subsided.

TUESDAY.

Most of the day was spent by counsel for the defense and prosecution in arguing as to what evidence should be permitted to go to the jury, during which time the jury was out in the care and charge of the bailiff. At 2.20 p.m. the jury was called in and testimony of Aug. Milliman was begun.

The witness testified that on the night of March 14, 1900, he and Arthur London stood check at the Fort at 11 o'clock p. m. and then came up town. They went to the Owl Saloon, Milliman standing outside while London went in to see Thompson. Witness was not allowed by the defense to testify as to what passed between Thompson and London, it being hearsay evidence. They next went to Joe Morrisson's restaurant, awakened the cook and ordered something to eat. While there witness and London saw Thompson pass, going south. In about a half hour they followed, going to Thompson's house. Arrived there they knocked on the door, and receiving no response went to the north window, rapped on it and called "Thompson! Thompson!" but received no response. They then went to the depot and asked the operator the time of night. It was then about 2 o'clock a. m. From there they went to the resort south of town, but immediately came back, going to Thompson's house and again rapping on the door, calling for Thompson and again to the north window calling "Thompson! Thompson!" and rapping on the window with a silver dollar, but received no response. They then went to the room called Thompson's poker room, broke open a box and took some poker chips, about two cigar boxes full, put them in their overcoat pockets and went back to Thompson's

house, again rapping on the door and window. London then said: "I guess he's not here. Shall we go in?" Milliman said: "I guess we might as well." Then putting their shoulders to the storm door they forced it open and when inside the storm shed, put a broom against the door to hold it shut. Then putting their shoulders to the inner door they forced that open and met Thompson face to face. Thompson fired as Milliman had his foot on the threshold, the bullet taking effect in the right cheek, whereupon he (Milliman) stepped back and crouched in the storm shed. London turned to run and as he ran out of the storm shed door Thompson fired, the bullet entering the back part of the head and passing through to the frontal bone, as testified to by the Post surgeon, who extracted it.

Then Thompson shot Milliman a second time, the bullet entering the left cheek. After this Thompson stepped outside past the witness and shot London twice more, while he was lying on the ground, struggling and kicking, and crying "Thompson! Thompson! Don't shoot! Don't shoot!" The two last shots entered London's head from the side. Either shot would in ordinary circumstances prove fatal as was adduced by the testimony of the Post surgeon.

The Post surgeon exhibited two of the bullets which were taken from London's head by him. The other bullet being at the base of the nasal bone he refrained from taking it out because it would mar and disfigure the corpse. A great deal of time was consumed by the lawyers in arguing what testimony to admit and what the jury should not hear. Judge Harrington having so much to contend with, as at times there were four attorneys on their feet at once raising an objection or pleading for a point of law, that it was remarked by one in the audience that he ought to have some one to help him as he seemed to have the most to do.

WEDNESDAY.

The examination of Milliman took till 9:35 A. M. J. A. Hooton testified that he was called by Thompson shortly after the shooting occurred and that he was dressed in a brown suit of clothes. Milliman was recalled by the defense to testify as to how he and London, deceased, were dressed on the night of March 14. He said they were dressed in their soldier blue with brown ulsters and caps on. Sheriff Layporte testified that he saw London lying on the ground near Thompson's house, and that he helped to carry him to Dr. Holsclaw's office, examined his clothing, found no gun or revolver on his person, but found the poker chips, a watch and a deck of cards. The revolver with which Thompson shot was produced and put in evidence.

A. W. Harpor was sleeping in the office of Tilson's livery barn that night and was awakened by shooting, and afterwards heard three distinct reports as of a gun. Fred Vincent, night operator at the depot, said two soldiers were at the depot and asked about houses of ill repute, aside from the hog ranch. One said, "Maybe Thompson has gone there," referring to the latter place. They left the depot. Afterward he heard two shots fired in the direction of Thompson's house, and thinking someone was out on a drunken brawl, did not go out of the depot to see about it.

Frank Shields said he knew Thompson since last year, and was with London in Thompson's saloon. Had been with London to defendant's house while Thompson was there. First night stayed until about 4 o'clock a. m. Went there again a short time afterward. Went with Thompson from saloon the first night. Sat around the stove and warmed. While talking Thompson said he would fix the bed. They went to bed; all three sleeping in the same bed. (What then occurred will not be related nor other details of like character.) Wanting something to drink, the soldiers asked Thompson to get up and go to the saloon, but he refused and told Shields to take the keys from his pocket and go down to the saloon, which he did, taking back six bottles of beer and four quarts of whiskey. They broke the necks off two bottles of beer, Thompson drinking from one, Shields and London from the other. Went back to bed for awhile and got up about four o'clock, leaving Thompson in bed. London then took Thompson's watch, and Shields took his money, about \$7. London asked for money and Thompson said he didn't have any more as Shields had taken all he had with him. They came back

again in about six days. Thompson sent them to the house, he coming after closing the saloon. They went through similar transactions except going to the saloon, as Thompson had a pint of whiskey. This time they stayed until about 6 o'clock a. m. In leaving London said he was going to take a couple of guns with him and about 400 poker chips. Then asked for money. Thompson said, "What the hell— I do you want? Do you want all I've got?" London said: "I don't care if I do get all you've got!" London took a silver watch. When they got up to the school house Shields told London that the watch might be a pawned one, and they returned, rapped on the door, which locked with a spring lock. Thompson got up, said he was glad they returned the watch as it had been pawned by some one living out in the country. Thompson wrote a letter to Shields, who went by the name of "Mickey," asking him to bring back those poker chips as half of them belonged to another man and he couldn't explain to him what had become of them. He wanted them before the next night as they were going to have a game. If he had put them up for anything let Thompson know and he would put up the money to get them out. He told him to be sure to come and bring his partner, or to send his partner if he couldn't come, or send the chips back. Witness knew Milliman and talked to him about what passed between Thompson, London and himself, while they were drinking of the four quarts of whiskey.

E. Sparks, banker, said he knew Thompson's signature as defendant transacted business with him. Gave as his opinion that the letter produced was written by defendant though only signed Thompson.

Testimony of Johnson and Ray was not allowed.

Sergeants — and Neimeiser knew London and recognized the watch as having been in the possession of deceased.

State rested.

D. W. Hilsinger, Judge Towne, W. E. Haley, J. W. Burleigh, M. V. Nicholson, E. Sparks, Geo. Elliott, Lew Brownell, John Shores, W. S. Barker, G. P. Crabb, P. Simons and O. W. Morey were called to testify as to the good reputation borne by the defendant.

Wm. Francke said he knew of the poker room referred to and that he locked the door in leaving the night of the 14th. That it was broken open on the morning of the 15th.

W. F. A. Meltendorf said he was in Thompson's saloon when London, deceased, came into saloon on night of March 14. He was talking with Thompson when London came in, went to the bar and took a drink of some kind. Didn't hear him talk to Thompson but looked at both of them and they at him.

John G. Maher testified that he took the testimony during preliminary examination of Thompson for the shooting of London, and that it was correct.

J. A. Hooton, called back by defense, said he examined the door of Thompson's house early on morning of March 15, and found part of the lock broken and latch holder with screws in it lying about center of room.

Layporte, recalled, said he went to the poker room in early morning of March 15, and neither lock nor door was broken.

THOMPSON TESTIFIES.

Thompson testified that he went home about the time the train was going west. That about 20 minutes after he was asleep some one knocked on his door and hallowed "Thompson!" But he paid no attention as he thought it was somebody after whiskey or something and that it was customary to have persons knock at his home for such things, but he never paid any attention to them; that some time afterward he was aroused from sleep by a crashing noise in, as he thought, the front room; that the noise sounded to him as if a window came in or was smashed in; that he immediately jumped out of bed and went to the front room; that as soon as he got close to the front door the door was burst in and some fellows came in against it; that they seemed to be pushing against the door with violence as it came in with great force; that he was frightened and alarmed and thought they were probably coming in to take money away from him and supposed they were going to kill him; one of them came against his left hand and he put up his left hand as if to keep them out and commenced firing; that at this time they were two or three feet inside the door; that he opened fire and emptied his revolver; that he did not know who they were; that it was too dark and that they had their coat collars turned up around their necks, and that he thought they were masked; that he did not go out of his house; that after he emptied his revolver he got the stove poker and waited for a few moments to see if

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Horses on left shoulder

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